

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**  
**FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: Bucket Extension for Front Loaders, the specification of which [X] is attached hereto, [ ] was filed on \_\_\_\_\_, as application serial number \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability and examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

I hereby claim form priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign applications for patent or inventor certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

**PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)**

Number \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

Day/Month/Year Filed \_\_\_\_\_

Priority Claimed: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, , Section 119(e)(1), Section 120 of any United States Application(s) listed below, and insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in prior United States applications in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

Provisional Application serial number 60/441,505 filed January 21, 2003.

Status: provisional patent application pending.

And I hereby appoint, Alan B. Samlan (Registration No. 28,470), Basil E.Demeur (Registration No. 23,049), and David J. Hurley (Registration No. 46,786) of KNECHTEL, DEMEUR & SAMLAN, 222 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 1410, Chicago, Illinois 60606, as my attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith. It is requested that all communication be directed to Alan B. Samlan at the above address. All telephone calls should be made to Alan B. Samlan at (312) 655-9900.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these

statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY  
STATUS [37 CFR 1.9 (f) AND 1.27(b)] - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled:

**BUCKET EXTENSION FOR FRONT LOADERS**

described in ☒ the specification filed herewith;

☐ application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_;

☐ Patent No. \_\_\_\_\_,  
issued \_\_\_\_\_.

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

Each person, concern or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention is listed below:

☒ no such persons, concern, or organization

☐ persons, concerns or organizations listed below\*

\*NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities (37 CFR 1.27).

NAME

ADDRESS

☐ individual ☐ small business concern ☐ nonprofit organization

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate [37 CFR 1.28(b)].

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are

punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

By:

Charles Raup

  
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Signature

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Date